

business and residential "Citizen of the Year" Award Ceremony and the biannual "Salute of Merit Award," to recognizing fire, police and highway patrol service personnel.

Lou has earned a state-wide reputation for developing a chamber that consistently has been on the "cutting-edge" of innovation. She is the editor of a highly acclaimed monthly newspaper—The Business & Industry News; the Business & Industry News Directory and a nationally recognized and awarded Business Emergency Preparedness Network. She has also assisted in the development and publication of the Legislative Action Guide for the Gateway Chambers Alliance. These publications keep constituents informed on local and national business issues.

In addition to her service to our local business community, Lou has also provided leadership and inspiration to the youth of Santa Fe Springs. She has assisted in the implementation of community Chamber/League committees and activities that have development school programs and projects focusing on drug awareness and career development. She is a strong supporter of the CHOICES Program and the DESTINY FUND, a school Mentor program.

Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, members and leaders of our community gathered to recognize Lou for her 20 years of exemplary service to the community of Santa Fe Springs. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lou Booker's 20 years of selfless dedication to the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce & Industrial League.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support provisions in our upcoming campaign finance debate which require full disclosure of all campaign contributions and expenditures.

In the past several years, we have too often seen abuses of the campaign financing system, where money is pouring into elections from foreign and other unknown sources with little consequence. I find it disturbing that campaigns are sometimes run behind the scenes, behind the backs of voters, so that the campaign finance process generates fear and distrust among voters, instead of honesty and openness.

Although the popular opinion polls may show an indifference or apathy toward campaign finance, I feel that many Americans see these questionable escapades as an inherent part of the campaign finance system, and they feel the situation may never improve.

As a Member of Congress who has no extravagant personal wealth, and no means to independently finance my own campaign, I believe in letting the system work. I believe that candidates young or old, rich or poor, black or white, can and must continue to be able to serve their community and country as a Representative in Congress. The opportunity to serve in Congress must not be limited to only those who have personal wealth, which is the effect that many of the campaign reform bills would have on candidates.

In order to preserve this opportunity for future Congressional aspirants, I believe we must focus our campaign finance reform efforts on getting the truth to the American people—because that is what they want. And finding the truth means opening up our books, all of our campaign finance documents, and letting the light shine brightly on who is giving money to our candidates, who is spending special interest money on their elections, and how much they are spending on these races.

Because too often, people inherently fear that which they do not know. The American people have been kept in the dark about who is getting what money, how much is coming in and from where it comes. Only then will the people be able to decide who best represents them.

Congress must support full disclosure of all campaign related financing, and full publication of campaign documents, and let the sun shine in on how candidates finance their campaigns.

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson once said of newspapers: "The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Next Thursday, on May 28th, one of the great papers in the State of Indiana, the South Bend Tribune, will mark 125 years of continuous publication as a daily newspaper. Since its inception in 1873, the Tribune has compiled an outstanding record of professionalism and public service that continues today. South Bend, the State of Indiana, and portions of Michigan are all fortunate to have a newspaper that sets such a high standard for community service and journalistic competence.

The Tribune is an exceptional newspaper in a variety of ways. Allow me to mention a few examples. First, the Tribune has been recognized on many occasions by local, state, and national newspaper organizations for its outstanding coverage and service to its readers. Year after year the paper wins awards in a wide variety of categories: from photography, to deadline reporting, to editorial writing.

Second, the dedicated and devoted staff of the Tribune produce a newspaper that is consistent in the high quality of its content. Readers all over Indiana have learned that they can depend on the Tribune to produce an excellent newspaper every day.

Third, the Tribune continues to be devoted to its community. In an era of cookie-cutter national newspaper chains that lack local flair or public concerns, the Tribune remains a locally owned and managed newspaper that is dedicated to promoting the health and civic discourse of its community.

When Joseph Pulitzer retired, he outlined a standard for newspapers that exemplifies the history of the Tribune: "That it will always fight

for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always be drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty."

The residents of the Tribune will mark May 28th with the hope and assurance that the newspaper will continue to have a similar impact for many years into the future.

RETIREMENT OF REAR ADMIRAL KENDELL PEASE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of Rear Admiral Kendell Pease, who recently retired from the United States Navy as Chief of Information after 34 years of exemplary service.

After a brief period as an enlisted man and four years at the Naval Academy, Admiral Pease joined the fleet as a public affairs officer in 1968. He served his country in Vietnam, with subsequent assignments in Naples, Italy; Charleston, South Carolina; Washington, DC; and Norfolk, Virginia. He was public affairs officer at the Naval Academy, served on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs at the Pentagon, and was also public affairs officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

It was at the Navy Office of Information in the Pentagon where Rear Admiral Pease really made his mark as a spokesman for Navy-wide operations and policy. He served in the Office of Information three different times, the final time in his position as Chief of Information, where he was the principal public affairs advisor to and spokesman for both the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations for nearly six years, the longest term ever held by a Chief of Information. Admiral Pease's tenure spanned some of the most dramatic changes the sea service has experienced in more than 200 years. He saw the aftermath of Tailhook and the integration of women into combat roles in the Navy; he saw the challenges of personnel drawdowns following the collapse of the Iron Curtain; he helped the Navy mold and then iterate a drastic change in mission philosophy, from a blue water fighting force designed to counter the Soviet threat to a brown water force capable of fighting in the littorals and projecting power from the sea. He was always engaged with the media, discussing necessary new acquisition programs like the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet; the *Seawolf* and the New Attack Submarines; the next generation aircraft carrier CVX and CVN-77, the transition ship to CVX; and DD21, the Navy's land attack destroyer for the 21st century. Over and over and over again, Rear Admiral Pease communicated the Navy's role of Forward Presence—operating ships, submarines and aircraft anywhere in the world, unencumbered by host country sensitivities.

Admiral Pease was the Navy's chief spokesman during numerous naval deployments to protect American interests in global hotspots